

It is estimated that every year over 500,000 animals are tested on worldwide. Some people believe it is necessary, as this way new medicines, cosmetics and other substances can be approved for human use. Others object to these procedures because of incredible pain and distress most animals suffer. So is animal testing really necessary?

On the one hand, testing on animals has led to many scientific breakthroughs, for instance, the discovery of insulin or the polio vaccine. Furthermore, **1** a scientists claim that animals also benefit from such tests, as **2** they've led to the development of rabies vaccine. Supporters of animal testing also say that since animals have no rights and are similar to humans, it would be unethical not to use them for scientific purposes.

**3** On the other side, even though there is some law regulating humane test procedures, the vast majority of animals suffer unbearably during badly conducted experiments. **4** What are more, taking advantage of helpless animals is considered unethical. Finally,

opponents of testing say it is not as beneficial as the proponents claim, as most of the substances which passed animal tests were not approved for human use.

In conclusion, animal testing is not easy to judge as it is often connected to saving human lives. **5** However, in my personal opinion, we have an obligation to do what we can to minimise this horrible practice, especially since science offers us alternative solutions, such as artificial skin and in vitro tests.

#### **Match the mistakes and their examples in the text**

a spelling mistake

an incorrect linker

an unnecessary article

a contraction

an incorrect form of 'to be'